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John,

(S/NF) During the recent Senior Military Intelligence Officers Conference, MajGen Bill Doyle, the Director of Intelligence for SAC, expressed great concern for US national security stemming from the proposed public sale of unclassified imagery to be taken from the NASA shuttle flights. According to Doyle, his CINC shares this concern because the sale of such photography could lead to full disclosure of sensitive national security information, including force readiness, force disposition, potential targeting and details of critical defense facilities.

(S/NF) I know that problems associated with reconnaissance by friendly nations was discussed by the NFIB on 9 August 1983 when the Japanese satellite program came up. It would seem no less important for us to establish logical national policy concerning the sale of photography of our own facilities taken from US space vehicles.

DIA review completed.

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(U) I recommend that this be raised by the NFIB principals in the very near future since the flights are to begin within a few months.

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